

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) An indigo-dyed cloth processed by the method according to claim 8.

8. (Currently Amended) A processing of method of processing for an indigo-dyed cloth, wherein said method comprises comprising:

coating the surface of an indigo-dyed cloth with an aqueous solution; containing one or more kinds of materials selected from the group consisting of zinc nitrate and ammonium nitrate at a concentration of 63.68 g/L to 200 g/L as a nitrogen-based oxidizing agent, and further containing a thickener at a coating amount of from 100 to 180 g/m²;

drying the coated cloth; and after coating; and

heating the dried, coated cloth; as a final step.

wherein said aqueous solution comprises one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of: zinc nitrate and ammonium nitrate,

wherein said aqueous solution further comprises a thickener at a coating amount of from 100 g/m² to 180 g/m², and

wherein said compounds are present at from 63 g/L to 200 g/L as a nitrogen-based oxidizing agent.

9. (New) A processing method for an indigo-dyed cloth, comprising:
coating the surface of an indigo-dyed cloth with an aqueous solution containing zinc
nitrate at a concentration of 63.68 g/L to 95.52 g/L as a nitrogen-based oxidizing agent, and
further containing a thickener at a coating amount of from 100 to 180 g/m²;

drying the cloth after coating; and

heating the dried, coated cloth as a final step.

10. (New) The processing method of claim 9, wherein the indigo-dyed cloth
comprises cellulose-based natural fibers, cellulose-based recycled fibers, cellulose-based semi-
synthesized fibers or blends thereof.

11. (New) The processing method of claim 9, wherein the thickener comprises a
methyl cellulose-based thickener.